lowing the fire safety rules in various buildings;

(c) whether Government have asked the Central Building Research Institute to evaluate other technologies as are available abroad in developed countries;

(d) whether Govt. have made any effort to adopt the technology available in Germany;

(e) whether it is a fact that the recommendations made by NBC are not being followed thereof thus leading to increase in fire hazards; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) what further effective steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) As per records available with the Govt., the States of Assam, Goa, M.P., J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, U.P., Manipur W. Bengal and the Union Territory of Delhi have enacted the Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act as per the Model Legislation circulated by this Ministry.

(b) It is the responsibility of the Delhi Fire Service to see that Fire Safety Rules in various Buildings in Union Territory of Delhi are strictly followed. The Delhi Fire Service is strictly following and ensuring fire safety arrangements in various buildings in the jurisdiction of Union Territory of Delhi in accordance with the unified Buildings Bye Laws notified on 23rd June, 1983 by the Delhi Administration.

(c) Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) is an autonomous Body and it is upto them to evaluate other technologies if available abroad within the purview of their Rules.

(d) During 1987-88 the Central Building Insutute had approved single leaf and double leaf Fire doors of a firm M/s. Gerha Ruck GMBM & Co., Germany for fire resisting doors in the buildings.

(e) to (g) Since, Fire is a State subject, it is up to the State Governments to see that Fire Safety Rules as recommended by the N.B.C. and as provided in the Fire Safety Legislation of the State Governments are followed by all concerned.

Crime in Delhi

580. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of abductions, kidnappings and killings in encounter with suspected terrorists which took place in the Capital during, the years 1990 and 1991, till date;

(b) what is the number of cases filed on each of the counts and progress made in each case together with the detils of action taken in each case; and

(c) what effective steps are being taken to check the rise of crime in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police have reported that during the years 1990 and 1991 till date, only one person, namely, Mr. Liviu Radu, Charge'd Affairs of Romania, was abducted by terrorists. Delhi Police have further reported that no person was killed in an encounter with suspected terrorists. In respect of the abduction of Mr. Radu, the Delhi Police have registered a case under sections 364/368/34 IPC and 3|4 TADA Act at Police Station Lodi Road.

(c) The steps taken to curb crime by the terrorists include intensification of the police patrolling; stationing of additional Police pickets at vulnerable and strategic points; strengthening of security arrangements at various missions, embassies residences of diplomats; house-to-house survey of suburban and remote areas to preclude the possibility of terrorists taking shelter in them; display of photographs of terrorists in public places; educating the public through media not to touch suspicious objects and to remain vigilant.

Working schedule of ONGC

581. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC have at present both the 5-day and 6-day week schedule;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the work schedule was approved by the Department of Personnel; and

(d) whether it is a fact that this schedule has affected the efficiency and working of the Commission and if so, what remedial measures Govt. have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is with a view to provide flexibility as required.

(c) The Commission is competent to take such decision.

(d) No, Sir.

New Environment Policy

582. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the new Environment Policy;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) what is the date from which the new policy is likely to become effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Public Investment Board for proposed Oil Refinery at Numaligarh in Assam

583. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted the PIB (Public Investment Board) for the proposed oil refinery at Numaligarh in Assam; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The proposal of oil refinery at Numaligarh in Assam is under the consideration of PIB.

Criticism of O.N.G.C.

584. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Financial Express dated 1st November, 1991 under the caption 'steps to increase oil output by 8 million tons' regarding criticism of O.N.G.C.;